



UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re the Application of: **SAITO, Shuji, et al.**

Group Art Unit: **1645**

Serial No.: **09/147,052**

Examiner: **Jana A. HINES**

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FOR: **NOVEL FUSION PROTEIN, GENE THEREOF, RECOMBINANT VECTOR BEARING THE GENE AND RECOMBINANT VIRUS AS WELL AS USE THEREOF**

**AMENDMENT ACCOMPANYING**  
**REQUEST FOR CONTINUED EXAMINATION**

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Commissioner for Patents  
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December 7, 2006

Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated **April 6, 2006**, the period for Response under the Notice of Appeal filed on **August 7, 2006**, extended to **December 7, 2006**, by the concurrently filed Petition for a two-month extension of time, please amend the application as follows:

**Amendments to the Specification** begin on page 2 of this paper.

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 4 of this paper.

**Amendments to the Drawings** begin on page 5 of this paper.

**Remarks/Arguments** begin on page 6 of this paper.